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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651  
Application No.: 09/408,142 Examiner: Marx, I.  
Filed: September 29, 1999  
Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed February 5, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed February 19, 2003.

The requested extension is for two (2) months, extending the period for response from April 19, 2003 to June 19, 2003.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on May 20, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Enclosed is a check in the total amount of \$1,440.00, which includes \$410.00 for the Two (2) Month extension of time fee and \$1,030.00 for the filing of an RCE application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 20, 2003

  
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